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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to Examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

29. (amended) A composition comprising granular particles of a biomass which particles

(a) are obtained by granulating the biomass; and

(b) [the particles having] have an average dry matter content of at least 30% but less than 70% [and having been obtained by granulating biomass].

30. (amended) A composition which comprises dried granules [, the granules being] derived from a microbial biomass which have been [and] dried[,] and [having] have an average dry matter content of at least 80%.

31. (amended) A composition according to claim 29 or 30 [or 31] wherein the granular particles or dried granules are extruded [formed by extrusion].

32. (amended) ~~A composition according to any one of claims 29 or 30 [to 31] wherein the biomass comprises [a fungus] fungi.~~

33. (amended) ~~A composition according to any one of claims 29 or 30 [to 32] wherein the granular particles or granules have a diameter of from 0.3 to 10 mm and [their] a length that is, on average, 2 to 6 times [that of] the diameter [of the granule].~~

Please add the following new claims:

-- 37. A composition according to claim 31 wherein the biomass comprises fungi.

38. A composition according to claim 31 wherein the granular particles or granules have a diameter of from 0.3 to 10 mm and a length that is, on average, 2 to 6 times the diameter.